

REMARKS

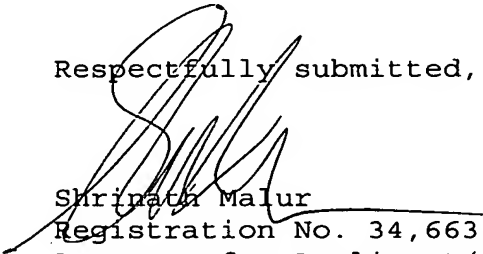
Claims 1-12 have been amended and are currently pending in the application.

Applicants' wish to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned on February 26, 2004. During the interview, the undersigned emphasized the differences between the presently claimed invention and the cited prior art.

In addition, amendments to the claims including those submitted herewith were discussed to improve clarity. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further changes are deemed necessary.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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